



Harford County Government
Department of Parks and Recreation
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I CAN BIKE

Harford County Government's Departments of Community Services and Parks and Recreation are proud to bring iCan Bike back to Harford County. The Bike Camp will run from August 14—18 with a parental/guardian orientation on August 13. Registrants must be at least



8 years old, have a disability, walk without an assistive device, be able to step to both sides, be willing and able to wear a properly fitted bike helmet, have a minimum inseam of at least 20" and not exceed the weight maximum of 220 pounds. Please note that behavior issues are considered when evaluating riders for the program. For information, go online to <http://icanshine.org/ican-bike-churchville-md/>. Contact Rachel Harbin at 410-638-3373 to volunteer or register a rider.

In addition to registrants, we also need at least two volunteers per rider. Volunteers should be at least 16 years of age to run alongside the rider and provide physical and emotional support. Volunteers should be physically fit and able to run with a rider as required.

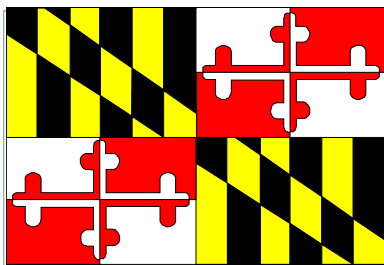


IMPORTANT DATES

Maryland Dance	July 21
Parent Orientation	August 13
I Can Bike	August 14—18
70's Disco	August 18
Inspiration Walk	September 10
Fall Ball	September 15

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- July, August and September Dance information
- Inclusive Zumba
- Special Olympics Harford County is looking for a new Area Director
- Retirement is here!



MARYLAND DANCE

July 21, 2017, is the annual Maryland themed dance. Wear your Maryland state colors. Held at the McFaul Activities Center in Bel Air from 7:00–9:00 pm, the dance will be a time of

music and refreshments. The cost is \$5.00 but remember that you must be registered. Online registration opens on July 1. Don't forget to register and print out your registration.

Wear your Maryland state colors to the Maryland Dance.

Inspiration Walk and 5K

Special Olympics Harford County is hosting the 2017 Inspiration Walk and 5K at Ripken Stadium on September 10. More information is coming soon at <http://www.somd.org/soha/>.

70'S DISCO

Dance the night away at the 70's Disco Dance on Friday, August 18, 2017. McFaul Activities Center's Activity Room will be the location and the dance is from 7:00–9:00 pm. \$5.00 is the cost. Registration begins online on Tuesday, August 1, and closes when the dance is full. Be certain to register quickly so you don't miss out.





Art is a favorite at camp!

CAMP I CAN

The 2017 Camp I Can is under way with a full staff and fun activities for the campers. Directors Keelin Eder and Aaron Rost have returned to oversee a “well-oiled” camp program. Both of these ladies have come up through the ranks over the years and understand the responsibilities of each position. Combining their experience, organizational skills, desire to see each camper succeed and love for the campers, it’s no wonder that Camp I Can has been so successful. One amazing thing about the camp is the fact that, as challenging as it is, the staff wants the campers to have a great experience. A large majority of last summer’s staff is returning.

ZUMBA IS NOW INCLUSIVE

Zumba is back and it’s for EVERYONE! Beginning on Thursday, September 7, and running each Thursday through October 26 from 7:00–8:00 pm, instructor Precious Favor will guide you through each session at the McFaul Activities Center in Bel Air. Registration is \$10.00 for the first session and \$5.00 per session once registered. Zumba is now designed for individuals with and without disabilities. For information, contact Precious at 718-902-8020 or precious.favor@aol.com.





September

Listing:

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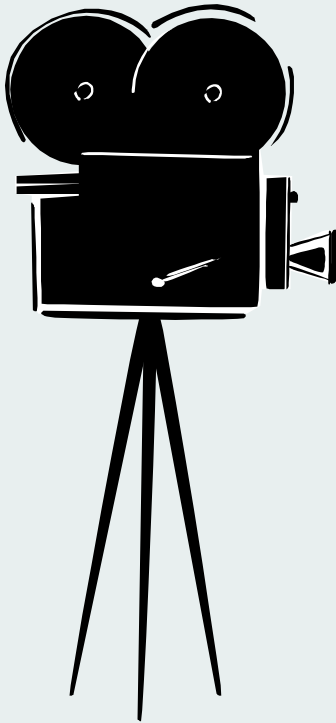
Mr. Popper's Penguins

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Because of Winn Dixie

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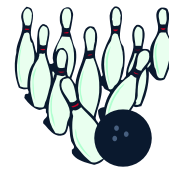
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BOWLING

The all-American sport of bowling is still alive and thriving. Join Miss Ann beginning on Sunday, August 20 for the start of the fall bowling. The program runs from 11:00 am—2:00 pm with a \$5.00 registration fee and then \$5.00 each Sunday you bowl.

Shoes are free. If you need additional information, please contact Miss Ann at tabat@msn.com. Bowling takes place at the APG bowling lanes.



Miss Ann will be looking for you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

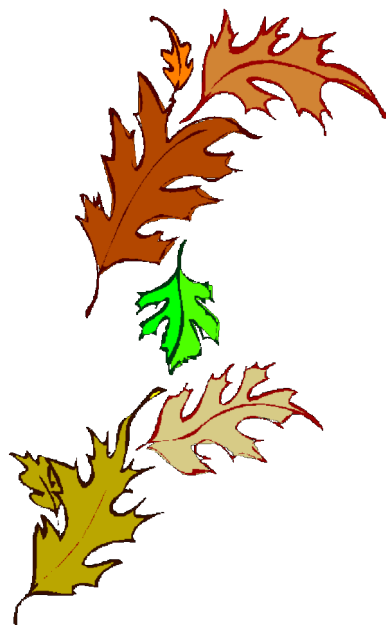
Family-oriented movies will be shown each Wednesday evening that John Archer School is open. From 6:30 pm till approximately 8:30 pm (depending on movie length), this free program is an opportunity to get out and enjoy a good movie. Movies are subject to change depending on availability. Look to the left for September's listing.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS HARFORD COUNTY HIRING

Special Olympics Harford County is looking for a new Area Director! This person is responsible for the general oversight of all county operations. This is a part-time position with a small stipend. Please email jamie.valis@gmail.com for a copy of the job description. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

FALL BALL

With the arrival of Fall comes the popular Fall Ball. Dress up a bit and enjoy Premier Mobile DJ's music on Friday, September 15, 2017, from 7:00—9:00 pm. Online registration opens on Friday, September 1, and closes when filled. If you are unable to come, please let us know so that others have the opportunity. Cost is \$5.00. The Fall Ball will be held at the McFaul Activities Center.

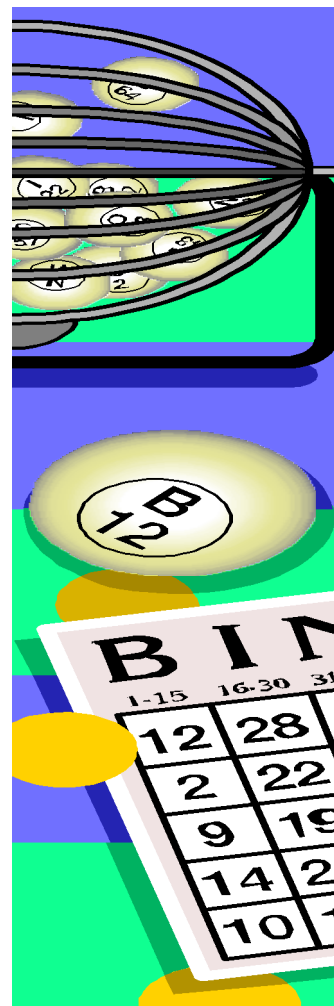


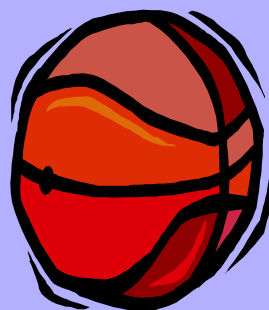
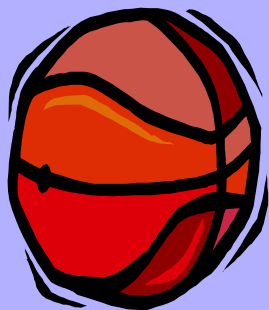
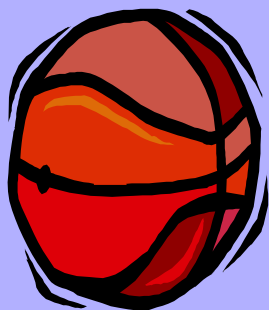
Dress up a little for the Fall Ball.

BINGO

The ever-popular Bingo is returning for another year. The three musketeers (Miss Alice, Miss Joyce and Miss Lydia) are returning also and will be looking forward to seeing you at Bingo. The program begins on Monday, September 11. Meeting weekly at John Archer School from 7:00—8:00 pm, Bingo provides a unique opportunity to socialize with old friends and

make new friends. The cost is only \$2.00 each evening and prizes are provided to game winners.





DISCOVERY LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Discovery League runs from September through May. The program is still in need of a coach to help out on Mondays from 6:00—6:30 pm for ages 6 to 12 or this age group may have to be cancelled. If you are interested in coaching or would like additional information, contact Kathy Fendick at 410-734-4238 or rfendick@comcast.net.

Discovery League Basketball Schedule:

Mondays beginning September 11, 2017, at Bel Air Elementary School.

Ages 6—12, 6:00—6:30 pm (tentative—need a coach)

Ages 13 and up—Coach Mark - 6:30—7:15 pm

Ages 13 and up—Coach Aubrey - 7:15—8:15 pm

Wednesdays beginning September 13, 2017, at McFaul Activities Center.

Ages 13 and up—6:30 - 8:00 pm

Online registration will be available starting September 1, 2017, at www.belairrec.org. Look under “Youth Programs.” Registration fee is \$25.00. In person registration will be available during the first two weeks. Discovery League Basketball follows the Harford County Schools calendar for closures and cancellations.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS HARFORD COUNTY FALL SPORTS

Please follow the link below to register for soccer and bowling.

<https://goo.gl/forms/UXb2A15yR-C8pMHnx2>.



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PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW!

Guess what? This old man is finally retiring. Having served for seventeen years providing programming for individuals with disabilities, I have found many friends and family. When I came on board, I had a slightly different perspective than those before me. My wife and I reared a child with a severe disability; therefore, I looked at the task before me through the eyes of a parent. Your children became my "children." It is now time to say "goodbye" to all my friends and "children" over the years as I head into retirement. My fellow staff members will be greatly missed although I do plan on visiting from time to time. I may even pop in at the monthly dances just to see everyone. Retirement begins on September 1 and will find me volunteering, working part time, and keeping up with my lawn! As Bob Hope would say, "Thanks for the memories."

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Watkins".